

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOSEPH NOEL
SACHATELLO III

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an individual dedicated to public service, a leader in his community and an example to us all, the late Joseph Noel Sachatello III from Waterford, Connecticut, who died this month in the line of duty.

Joseph was a well-known and beloved member of the neighboring Montville (CT) police force. For him being a protector of the peace was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream, the pinnacle of a successful career in service to town, state, and country. His love for his work shown through his enthusiasm for his job.

In recognition of his service, his name will be carved into a memorial for police officers in Meriden, Connecticut. Joseph served my state and region faithfully. This honor is much earned. We will miss him.

At Joe's funeral, a company of 1,200 uniformed officers stood at attention, and more than 450 officers, friends, family and neighbors came to mourn his passing. Joe touched the lives of many individuals in his community. He was proud of whom he was and where he came from. And in his pride we found and will continue to find inspiration. It is men like Joe that move the men and women in this room to carry forth with their mission. So his passing is a tragedy but his life was a blessing. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I would encourage the Members of the House of Representatives to join me in heartfelt appreciation for this great man. I would also like to ask the House to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Joseph's parents, Joseph N. Sachatello Sr. and Elaine Geiger Sachatello as well as his wife, Lisa and their six-month old son, Anthony.

TO EXPRESS THE POLICY OF THE
UNITED STATES REGARDING
THE UNITED STATES' RELATION-
SHIP WITH NATIVE HAWAIIANS

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to clarify the political relationship between Native Hawaiians and the United States. This bill is identical to a bill being simultaneously introduced in the Senate by Senator DANIEL AKAKA and Senator DANIEL INOUE. Representative ED CASE, from the Second District of Hawaii, is joining me as an original cosponsor on the introduction of this measure.

For years, Congress has legislated on behalf of Native Hawaiians as the aboriginal, indigenous, native peoples of Hawaii. This measure clarifies that political relationship and provides a process for Native Hawaiians to form a governing body to engage in a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

The United States has declared a special responsibility for the welfare of the Native peoples of the United States, including Native Hawaiians. This relationship has been acknowledged by the United States since the inception of Hawaii's status as a territory. This relationship was most explicitly affirmed by the enactment of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, which set aside 200,000 acres of land in Hawaii for homesteading by Native Hawaiians. Legislative history clearly shows that in addressing this situation, Congress based this action and subsequent legislation on the constitutional precedent in programs enacted for the benefit of American Indians.

Since Hawaii's admission into the Union, Congress has continued to legislate on behalf of Native Hawaiians as indigenous peoples. Native Hawaiians have been included as Native Americans in a number of federal statutes which have addressed the conditions of Native Hawaiians. Public Law 103-150, the Apology Resolution, extended an apology on behalf of the United States to the Native people of Hawaii for the United States' role in the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii. The Apology Resolution also expressed the commitment of Congress and the President to acknowledge the ramifications of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii and to support reconciliation efforts between the United States and Native Hawaiians.

It is important to note that this measure has strong support from indigenous peoples within the United States. The National Congress of American Indians and Alaska Federation of Natives have both passed resolutions in support of a government-to-government relationship between Native Hawaiians and the United States. Similar resolutions have been passed by the Japanese American Citizens League and the National Education Association. The measure is also supported by the Hawaii State Legislature, which passed a number of resolutions supporting a federally recognized government-to-government relationship.

The legislation being introduced today is important not only to Native Hawaiians, but to all the people of Hawaii. This measure provides the process to begin resolving many long-standing issues facing Hawaii's indigenous peoples and the State of Hawaii. In addressing these issues, we have begun a process of healing, a process of reconciliation not only with the United States but within the State of Hawaii. The essence of Hawaii is characterized not only by the beauty of its islands, but by the beauty of its people. The State of Hawaii has recognized, acknowledged and acted upon the need to preserve the culture, tradition, language and heritage of Hawaii's indigenous peoples. This measure furthers these actions.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
MARTIN CUMMINGS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the memory of my late friend, Martin Cummings. Martin passed away on January 3 of this year. He was a wise man who counseled me on numerous occasions. I will truly miss him, as will his community of Wilson County, Tennessee.

Martin's pride for his community was obvious. He served on numerous civic organizations and boards, including the Wilson County Planning Commission where he served as chairman. In his capacity as planning commission chairman, Martin helped shaped Wilson County into a prosperous and attractive community.

He was a successful real estate professional who devoted much time and energy into everything he did. He received numerous awards from an appreciative real estate industry. His family especially reaped the rewards of his caring and generous nature. Martin and his wife, Camelia Rose, were married for nearly 51 years and had five children and six grandchildren. Martin has left a wonderful legacy.

I deeply admired Martin for his many accomplishments and his unselfish service to his community. His decency transcended both his public and private life. I am proud to have had Martin as a close friend. I will sorely miss that friendship and his sage advice.

HONORING MARY MACRAE

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, in almost 30 years of experience as a business, community, and political activist, Mary MacRae has given her best to virtually every endeavor and it shows.

As a successful business owner and president of the National Association of Women Business Owners, Mary is an advisor to Members of Congress and a mentor to entrepreneurs everywhere. Few others can lay claim to as long a list of accomplishments as Mary.

While at NAWBO, Mary helped found the Women's Resource Center, a source of training, counseling and technical assistance for start-up and existing women business owners in Tennessee. This single accomplishment has the potential to help thousands of women start and run a business. Mary exemplifies the value of public service and she does so with humility, grace, and plenty of hard work.

Tennessee and America are better for her determination and her service to others.

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EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE TO THE FAMILIES OF THE CREW OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE "COLUMBIA"

SPEECH OF

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, our Nation mourns the loss of the seven astronauts of Shuttle *Columbia*. We honor the lives of some of our finest men and women from America's space program and their desire and sacrifice to make this world a better place.

We in Virginia take a moment to remember one of those astronauts, Captain David M. Brown, Mission Specialist aboard Shuttle *Columbia*. I extend special condolences to the family of Capt. Brown, son of Dorothy and Paul Brown of Massies Corner, from the Seventh District of Virginia. Capt. Brown was a graduate of the College of William and Mary and also graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA. Virginians will long remember and honor the accomplishments and the life of Captain David Brown.

We recognize the crew of Shuttle *Columbia*'s courage and devotion to the expansion not only of our Nation's scientific knowledge, but our national security as well. Although this tragedy strikes a terrible blow, it is important to remember the words of our fellow Virginian, Capt. David Brown: "This program must go on."

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the grieving families. My prayers are with the entire Shuttle *Columbia* crew's families and loved ones during this tragic time.

"LIBERATION" OF FRANCE IN VIOLATION OF COVENANT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, among the many letters I have received on the subject of Iraq, one of the most provocative is the following, signed "Publius Secundus."

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HYDE: I am not an international lawyer, but as part of an effort to be helpful, I must note that I have come across disturbing and, I believe, persuasive evidence that D-Day and the subsequent "liberation" of France were in direct violation of the solemn obligations undertaken by Great Britain and France under the Covenant of the League of Nations. As Article 11 states: "Any war, whether immediately affecting any of the Members of the League or not, is hereby declared a matter of concern to the whole League, and the League shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations."

Whether one regards this easily avoided conflict as a dispute (1) between one League member, Britain, and another, France (then represented by the government of so-called "Vichy" France, which is believed to have never withdrawn from the League), or (2) between one League member and a non-member state (the United States vs. France, Brit-

ain vs. Germany), the League Covenant makes clear the course of action to be taken, in letter and certainly in spirit.

Under the first scenario, the conflict must be submitted to the League Council under Articles 12-16. The waiting period of at least three months after the award by the arbitrators, sadly, was not honored.

As for the second scenario, as addressed in Article 17, I do not recall Germany—an ex-member since 1933—being invited to accept the obligations of League membership, and certainly the leading role of the Council was never respected. In fact, I am forced to conclude that the Council was bypassed altogether. Certainly, no vote of the Council authorizing the attack was ever recorded.

I believe we can all agree that Chancellor Hitler was a brutal dictator whose replacement should be welcomed by all civilized people, but we must also admit that he was never given an opportunity to disarm.

Certainly no League Commission was ever allowed to perform its tasks, as set forth in the Covenant. I need hardly remind anyone that Britain's declaration of war against Germany in 1939—Germany had made no attack upon Britain—violated virtually all of the Articles of the League Covenant.

I find all of this very troubling.

I believe we have no option but to judge the June 6, 1944 Allied attack—jointly planned and conducted by the U.S. and Britain in a deliberate effort to impose their will by force on other countries without authorization by the League—upon Germany/France as an avoidable or easily postponed act of aggression that demonstrates a complete disregard for international law and the obligations of membership in the League. The international community cannot allow this violation to stand.

Sincerely,

PUBLIUS SECUNDUS.

For your convenience, I have attached the relevant sections of the Covenant. (The entire document can be obtained at <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/leagcov.htm>).

THE COVENANT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

ARTICLE 5

Except where otherwise expressly provided in this Covenant or by the terms of the present Treaty, decisions at any meeting of the Assembly or of the Council shall require the agreement of all the Members of the League represented at the meeting . . .

ARTICLE 11

Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of the Members of the League or not, is hereby declared a matter of concern to the whole League, and the League shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations. In case any such emergency should arise the Secretary General shall on the request of any Member of the League forthwith summon a meeting of the Council.

ARTICLE 12

The Members of the League agree that, if there should arise between them any dispute likely to lead to a rupture they will submit the matter either to arbitration or judicial settlement or to enquiry by the Council, and they agree in no case to resort to war until three months after the award by the arbitrators or the judicial decision, or the report by the Council. In any case under this Article the award of the arbitrators or the judicial decision shall be made within a reasonable time, and the report of the Council shall be made within six months after the submission of the dispute.

ARTICLE 13

The Members of the League agree that whenever any dispute shall arise between

them which they recognize to be suitable for submission to arbitration or judicial settlement and which cannot be satisfactorily settled by diplomacy, they will submit the whole subject-matter to arbitration or judicial settlement.

ARTICLE 16

Should any Member of the League resort to war in disregard of its covenants under Articles 12, 13 or 15, it shall ipso facto be deemed to have committed an act of war against all other Members of the League.

ARTICLE 17

In the event of a dispute between a Member of the League and a State which is not a Member of the League, or between States not Members of the League, the State or States not Members of the League shall be invited to accept the obligations of membership in the League for the purposes of such dispute, upon such conditions as the Council may deem just. If such invitation is accepted, the provisions of Articles 12 to 16 inclusive shall be applied with such modifications as may be deemed necessary by the Council.

Upon such invitation being given the Council shall immediately institute an inquiry into the circumstances of the dispute and recommend such action as may seem best and most effectual in the circumstances. . . .

(The entire Covenant can be obtained at <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/leagcov.htm>)

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4, THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK AND FAMILY PROMOTION ACT OF 2003

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to join with several of my colleagues in sponsoring H.R. 4, the Personal Responsibility, Work and Family Promotion Act of 2003, which would reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).

Last year, the House Education and the Workforce Committee considered and passed H.R. 4092, the Working Toward Independence Act, to reauthorize the work-related provisions of TANF. The legislation built upon the historic welfare reform law passed in 1996—a law that made a fundamental shift in policy by encouraging personal responsibility and promoting work. For the first time in the history of social welfare policy, benefits were tied to work. Because of the principle of "work first" and a purpose to help people better themselves, a whole new culture of personal responsibility was created within the program.

After merging the remaining sections of TANF into a comprehensive package, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 4737, the Personal Responsibility, Work and Family Promotion Act of 2002, which was substantially the same as the bill that has been introduced today. Unfortunately, the Senate did not act on a welfare reauthorization bill.

As such, Congress must again pass a reauthorization bill that builds on the success of the 1996 law that has been nothing short of remarkable.

For example, there has been an historic decline in the welfare rolls; increases in employment for low-income single mothers, who comprise the population most likely to need assistance; and a sustained decline in child poverty. Six years ago, the nation's welfare rolls bulged with more than 5.1 million individuals and families. Today, the rolls have decreased tremendously. Since 1996, over 3 million families have left welfare for work. Over 3 million former welfare recipients know the satisfaction of earning a day's pay.

Even with the robust economy of the late 1990s, recent studies confirm that welfare reform is largely responsible for the declining caseload and increase in work. The law's promotion of work made the crucial difference in maximizing opportunities for welfare recipients.

But there is still work for us to do. Too many families receiving assistance are not engaged in activities that will lead to self-sufficiency. This year, Congress must build upon the success of the 1996 law by providing additional options for families on welfare to move into productive jobs, become self-reliant and obtain independence.

As the debate goes forward on the best way to increase personal responsibility, it is important to remember that the true benefactors of welfare reform are young Americans. Because of welfare reform, young Americans are able to see their parents get up each morning and earn a day's pay. Without this very basic ethic, those young people are at a great disadvantage and it becomes difficult for them to escape the cycle of poverty in which their families have lived for generations.

The legislation that is being introduced today, H.R. 4, is based on the Administration's proposal and strengthens work rules to ensure that all families are engaged in a full week of work and other activities that will lead to self-sufficiency. Families will be permitted to combine real work with education and training to help recipients advance in their jobs. In addition, states will need to have plans achieving the work-related goals of TANF. States will be encouraged to coordinate their TANF work programs with the One-Stop Career Center system created through the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, so that former recipients will continue to have access to additional training resources.

Furthermore, we know that families cannot maintain employment without reliable, safe child care for their children. In my home state of California, according to Fight Crime: Invest in Kids California, "Fewer than one out of every five child care centers in California is rated as good quality." That is why this bill will also maintain the unprecedented commitment of federal support for child care by adding \$1 billion in discretionary funding to the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which provides support to state child care programs. In addition, the bill improves the program by helping to target funds set-aside for quality activities and encouraging states to address the cognitive needs of young children so that they are developmentally prepared to enter school. The bill also provides states maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best meet the needs of children and parents.

Finally, H.R. 4 will provide significant new waiver authority for states to better coordinate a variety of federal programs, including TANF, food stamps, housing assistance and work-

force investment programs that improve services to needy families. This provision will encourage states to continue the experimentation at the state and local level that preceded the federal welfare reform action in 1996. At the same time, it remains important that the local areas created under the Workforce Investment Act be heavily involved in the process. That is why I am pleased that the bill includes provisions ensuring that the local administering entities join in the flexibility applications submitted to the Secretaries. This will, in effect, give the locals veto authority over provisions that they believe will not improve the quality or effectiveness of the programs involved.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation that enhances opportunities for families to move up the economic ladder and access quality child care for their children.

TRIBUTE TO ALLEN E. JOHNSON

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to express warm thanks, congratulations, wishes to Allen E. Johnson, upon his retirement as the city manager of the city of Roseville. His vision and managerial skills have helped develop one of the most pleasant, balanced, well-run communities in California.

After achieving a bachelor of science degree from California State University, Sacramento in 1976, Al began a career in public administration as a personnel analyst for the County of Yuba. Within a few short years, he became director of personnel for Yuba City, where he served from 1979 to 1983. Then, in September 1983, he began a nearly 20-year tenure with the city of Roseville. Rising from director of personnel to administrative services director to city manager, Al has had a significant and lasting impact on the direction in which Roseville has developed.

Most recently, he managed the city's day-to-day operations, its \$300 million budget, and 1,000 employees. He has overseen the city-owned electric operation which weathered California's energy crisis better than most utilities in the state. Additionally, he has guided the proactive expansion of regional wastewater treatment facilities and improvements to local flood control capabilities. Perhaps most importantly, he negotiated agreements for and led the implementation of nine specific plan developments ranging from 500 to 3,000 acres in scope. It is fair to say that he has left lasting fingerprints on the shape and character of the city of Roseville.

Roseville has experienced dynamic growth during Al's tenure. Under his steady leadership, the city has developed several outstanding public amenities, including the recently-dedicated Roseville Civic Center, the new Police Department headquarters, the Roseville Aquatics Center, the Roseville Sports Center, the Woodcreek Oaks Golf Course, and numerous parks and transportation improvements. In addition to the fine city projects which he oversaw, Al has also helped to create an environment in Roseville that fosters high levels of private investment. Perhaps

the most recognizable example of this pro-business attitude he helped foster is the 1.12 million square foot regional mall, known as the Roseville Galleria, which opened in the year 2000. Due to this aggressive economic development and contrary to previous history, the city is now regarded as one of the Sacramento region's premier retail centers and dining destinations.

Noted for his leadership in regional public policy discussions, such as the recent local debate over sales tax revenue distribution, Al has shared his expertise and experience through numerous presentations to public forums, training sessions, and professional conferences. He is also an active member of several professional organizations.

Beyond his professional capacity, Al Johnson has also contributed much to the community through his involvement in various civic and charitable organizations. Among these are the Roseville Chamber of Commerce, Roseville Host Lions Club, the United Way Leadership Council, and the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Roseville, which was once a sleepy railroad town, is now a vibrant, well-planned community with award-winning parks, law enforcement, and city management. It is home to nationally-recognized, high-performing public schools. Its railroad past blends with its newer high-tech industry and thriving commercial centers. Its residential areas include dynamic new developments as well as historic neighborhoods. Despite its increasing affluence, the community has also met its affordable housing needs. In short, Roseville is a model community with a high quality of life and a bright horizon. The clear vision, tough negotiation, and consistent leadership of Al Johnson are a large part of the reason why.

I thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

OFFICER EUGENIO SOLIS

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a retiring lawman, Agent Eugenio Solis, a unique patriot who has enforced our laws and chased the bad guys his whole career. I am enormously grateful to him for his life's work.

Eugenio Solis has served South Texas with 32 years of law enforcement altogether, both as a patrol officer and as a narcotics agent. He has over 27 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

His superiors say he is one of the best undercover agents we have. Undercover work is dangerous, dirty work, and doing it well takes a special talent and untold bravery. Agent Solis can make a deal on the street happen quickly; he has a nose for nasty business. He can expertly hook a bad guy, buy drugs * * * and either get out of there fast, or arrest the bad guys.

Over the years he has established relationships and made contacts with all manner of federal and local officials, offering him sundry resources and contacts that make him effective on the streets.

His legendary exploits are so well known around South Texas that he has even been

recruited by other law enforcement agencies to do undercover work. In his undercover capacity, he has been fortunate; he has never had to draw his gun.

You cannot work undercover and not have a good sense of humor, and Eugenio Solis indeed possesses that. He is a famous kidder and practical joker, which can often mean that when he's swept up with the druggies to avoid detection, his fellow officers will leave him handcuffed for several hours in good-humor retribution.

Even in his retirement, he continues to work—currently with a drug task force in Kingsville. Mr. Speaker, the men and women on the front lines in our drug war are necessarily in the shadows, their faces unseen and their names unknown * * * because that is the way the business works.

He has a strong, loving family to support him. That support is vitally important to an agent whose business requires him to deprive his family of his time and attention. Druggies do not keep a schedule. His wife, Sylvia—and their children: Eugenio III and Eduardo, and granddaughter, Shelby—have been his greatest support network.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Eugenio Solis for his years of dedication to law enforcement, for standing on that thin blue line that protects our neighborhoods from the bad guys.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kate Wagoner, a 13-year old resident of Eugene, Oregon. Ms. Wagoner, an eighth grader at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, recently won an essay contest held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The theme of the essay contest was how Americans can be peacefully patriotic, even as the clouds of war loom on the horizon.

In her insightful essay, Ms. Wagoner notes that peaceful change can begin with one individual or one family who cares about others and acts on that compassion. However, she goes on to write that it is equally important for such individuals to influence the decision-making of those in power in order to guarantee a lasting peace.

As Ms. Wagoner concludes, if the United States dedicates itself to helping feed, clothe, house, and educate the needy around the world, then we may be able to achieve the "nonviolent" coexistence of which Dr. King spoke, rather than the "violent co-annihilation" of which he warned.

I would encourage my colleagues and others to read Ms. Wagoner's essay, which I've included at the end of my remarks.

Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ESSAY

Almost 40 years ago, on April 14, 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King said, "the greatest 17 purveyor of violence in the world today (is) my own government."

Dr. King's statement is still a powerful message because America continues to use

violence around the world. President Bush is pushing for a war in Iraq, while nations like North Korea, South Korea, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Israel, and Palestine suffer from U.S. foreign policy decisions.

How can Americans be peacefully patriotic while our government gives the U.S. military more and more to do around the globe? To repeat one of my mother's favorite quotes, "Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." (Margaret Mead, American anthropologist).

During the holidays, my family gave money to an organization that helps hungry people all over the world feed themselves. The families we help receive donations of goats, sheep, llamas, honey bees, geese, oxen, and other farm animals so they can be more self-sufficient and live healthier lives. Peaceful patriotism is like this donation.

Around the world, kids like me are starving. Around the world kids like me are soldiers and suicide bombers. Around the world kids like me get sick from drinking dirty water, get shot by soldiers, and step on land mines. Around the world, kids like me struggle to survive. Americans, as peaceful patriots, can help change some of these kids' lives.

Americans have a right to be proud of their country. This is a nation where people can be and do great things. However, imagine a world where America is also known as a nation that helps people around the globe be and do great things. When the richest and most powerful nation in history dedicates itself to making sure people everywhere are well-fed, housed, clothed, educated, and have hope for the future, peaceful patriotism will change the world.

It is not enough for my family to practice peaceful patriotism or for your family to make that choice. We have to have people in power making decisions about our relationships with other nations who share our hope for the future of America and of the world. We can each live as peaceful patriots and help many people now, but if we work together to create a nation of peaceful patriots tomorrow, we can make all the world safe; and secure for kids like me.

The message I want quoted in the future because it describes America is, "The greatest purveyor of peace in the world today is my own government."

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Prescription Drug Affordability Act. This legislation ensures that millions of Americans, including seniors, have access to affordable pharmaceutical products. My bill makes pharmaceuticals more affordable to seniors by reducing their taxes. It also removes needless government barriers to importing pharmaceuticals and it protects Internet pharmacies, which are making affordable prescription drugs available to millions of Americans, from being strangled by federal regulation.

The first provision of my legislation provides seniors a tax credit equal to 80 percent of their prescription drug costs. As many of my

colleagues have pointed out, our nation's seniors are struggling to afford the prescription drugs they need in order to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle. Yet, the Federal Government continues to impose taxes on Social Security benefits. Meanwhile, Congress continually raids the Social Security trust fund to finance unconstitutional programs! It is long past time for Congress to choose between helping seniors afford medicine or using the Social Security trust fund as a slush fund for big government and pork-barrel spending.

Mr. Speaker, I do wish to clarify that this tax credit is intended to supplement the efforts to reform and strengthen the Medicare system to ensure seniors have the ability to use Medicare funds to purchase prescription drugs. I am a strong supporter of strengthening the Medicare system to allow for more choice and consumer control, including structural reforms that will allow seniors to use Medicare funds to cover the costs of prescription drugs.

In addition to making prescription medications more affordable for seniors, my bill lowers the price for prescription medicines by reducing barriers to the importation of FDA-approved pharmaceuticals. Under my bill, anyone wishing to import a drug simply submits an application to the FDA, which then must approve the drug unless the FDA finds the drug is either not approved for use in the U.S. or is adulterated or misbranded. This process will make safe and affordable imported medicines affordable to millions of Americans. Mr. Speaker, letting the free market work is the best means of lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

I need not remind my colleagues that many senior citizens and other Americans impacted by the high costs of prescription medicine have demanded Congress reduce the barriers which prevent American consumers from purchasing imported pharmaceuticals. Congress has responded to these demands by repeatedly passing legislation liberalizing the rules governing the importation of pharmaceuticals. However, implementation of these provisions have been blocked by the federal bureaucracy. It is time Congress stood up for the American consumer by removing all unnecessary regulations on importing pharmaceuticals.

The Prescription Drug Affordability Act also protects consumers' access to affordable medicine by forbidding the federal government from regulating any Internet sales of FDA-approved pharmaceuticals by state-licensed pharmacists.

As I am sure my colleagues are aware, the Internet makes pharmaceuticals and other products more affordable and accessible for millions of Americans. However, the federal government has threatened to destroy this option by imposing unnecessary and unconstitutional regulations on web sites that sell pharmaceuticals. Any federal regulations would inevitably drive up prices of pharmaceuticals, thus depriving many consumers of access to affordable prescription medications.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to make pharmaceuticals more affordable and accessible by lowering taxes on senior citizens, removing barriers to the importation of pharmaceuticals and protecting legitimate Internet pharmacies from needless regulation by cosponsoring the Prescription Drug Affordability Act.

HONORING THE WORK OF GERALD
T. HALPIN

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Gerald T. Halpin for his years of service in his workplace and community. Mr. Halpin currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of WEST*GROUP MANAGEMENT LLC, a corporation he founded in 1962.

As President of WEST*GROUP, Mr. Halpin has been responsible for the development, re-development, and construction of over 13 million square feet of office, retail, residential, and industrial space. With his co-founders, WEST*GROUP initiated the development of the area known as Tysons Corner, Virginia, upon the purchase of a 125-acre farm in 1962. Since this initial development, Mr. Halpin has since opened four beautifully landscaped office parks located near major transportation arteries in Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland.

Having served as Chairman of Alexandria Management Corporation, Mr. Halpin has also acquired extensive experience in the development of hotels and resorts. He was an owner and key developer of the luxury resort The Cottonwoods, as well as two other hotels in Scottsdale, Arizona. In residential real estate, Mr. Halpin has also achieved a high level of expertise. Mr. Halpin has plans to construct four high-rise condominium towers in Tysons Corner, Virginia.

In addition to his professional achievements, Gerry Halpin has given back to his community. He served for more than eight years as a member of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and its predecessors. Mr. Halpin was also appointed to the Governor's Advisory Board on Industrial Development, and has served on the Board under three governors. Currently, Mr. Halpin serves as Chairman of the Washington Monument Visitor Education Fund. In addition, he also chairs the Grand Teton National Park Foundation, an organization that he founded. Mr. Halpin has also served as a Trustee of the American Museum of Immigration, the National Parks and Recreation Association, and the Wolf Trap Foundation.

Mr. Halpin has been honored for his many accomplishments throughout the years. Most recently, he was recognized as the Ernst & Young Greater Washington "2002 Master Entrepreneur of the Year." Also in 2002, he was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities from Shenandoah University. Other significant awards include the Fairfax County Citizen of the Year Award, the prestigious Ellie Doyle Service Award from the Fairfax County Park Authority, as well as a Virginia Senate proclamation honoring Mr. Halpin as an "Outstanding Virginian for a Lifetime of Dedication to Fairfax County."

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that we extend this recognition to Mr. Gerald Halpin. His dedication to his business

and community deserves to be commended. We call upon all of our colleagues in joining us to applaud Mr. Halpin for all of his accomplishments.

GODSPEED RON KEENEY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Ron Keeney who will soon retire after nearly 37 years of great service to our Nation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I would emphasize the term "great service" because the contributions Ron Keeney has made to bettering the lives of the people who reside within the jurisdictional area of the Huntington District of the Corps of Engineers is beyond description here. Indeed, Ron is more than a dedicated public servant and wonderful person, I also view him a friend not only to myself but to the people of West Virginia.

Ron will be retiring from the Huntington District where he is the Deputy District Engineer for Project Management and the Chief of the Planning, Programs and Project Management Division. From my experience, Ron brought to this job not just the credentials of a seasoned Corps of Engineers veteran in terms of planning and constructing civil works projects, but a very real and deeply held belief that the mission of the Corps is more than just building locks and dams and flood control projects. That in effect, the Corps' mission includes improving our environment and providing opportunities for economic development so that our children and future generations to come will live in a better world.

Ron Keeney was born in Huntington, West Virginia, and began his rise through the ranks of the Corps of Engineers in 1966. He graduated from Ohio University with a BBA in Economics, summa cum laude. Over the course of his career he has received 30 outstanding/exceptional performance ratings and awards, the Silver de Fleury Medal, named USACE Planner of the Year, LRD Planner of the Year twice and received the Director of Civil Works Special Act Award.

I have had the privilege to work with Ron on many projects over the years and can say without hesitation that no challenge was ever too great for him. And challenge him we did indeed. Whether it was providing flood control along the Tug Fork River, implementing one of the first in the Nation Corps of Engineers environmental infrastructure programs, or building a relationship with Marshall University's Geotechnical Center, Ron Keeney responded to the challenge. I know for a fact that when he looks back at his career he will remember the work we did together at the Bluestone Dam facility as a highlight.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and my staff, including Kent Keyser and Jim Zoia, we wish Ron Keeney Godspeed on his future endeavors. The best to him and his family, and may he continue to reside and prosper in the great State of West Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO OMERO SABATINI

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life's work of a retired American diplomat and longtime Alexandria, VA resident Omero Sabatini. Mr. Sabatini's crowning achievement is his modern translation of Italy's most treasured novel, *I Promessi Sposi*, or *Promise of Fidelity*, written by Italy's foremost novelist Alessandro Manzoni.

With extensive experience in promoting intercultural relations and translating from and into Italian, Mr. Sabatini has interpreted at the highest levels of government in both the United States and Europe, and has published numerous booklets, articles and human-interest stories in both English and Italian. He is active in several Italian-American organizations and is a member of a number of associations of retired U.S. Foreign Service Officers.

Born in Indiana, Mr. Sabatini lived in Italy from the age of three until his early twenties. He attended Italian high schools, and it was there that he became an admirer of Italian literature and all things Italian.

He devoted most of his professional life to promoting U.S. exports, but in retirement chose to spend a large share of his time translating this Italian literary masterpiece. He undertook this task as an act of love, and out of a desire to make this great Italian classic better known in the United States and other parts of the English-speaking world.

When the novel that he has translated was first published in its original Italian, Edgar Allan Poe, and the great German poet, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, praised it enthusiastically. Sir Walter Scott called it the "greatest romance of modern times," and Giuseppe Verdi, who composed his Requiem Mass to honor Manzoni's memory, thought that it was one of the greatest books ever written. This novel is also included in the original Harvard Classics series, under the old English title, "The Betrothed".

Throughout the years, several attempts have been made to translate this novel into English, but most of them have failed to capture the intensity and vividness of Manzoni's imagination. Mr. Sabatini's work, however, has been highly praised and admired by scholars from prestigious universities and other institutions of higher learning.

Though set in 17th century northern Italy, "Promise of Fidelity" is a timeless and universal tale that touches on every human feeling, passion and behavior. It tells the story of two young fiancés separated by the events that marked Europe's dramatic political and social scene.

I concur with the vast majority of experts who feel that this novel is required reading for anyone interested in learning about Italian and world literature, but also those intrigued with how Italian social, intellectual, and artistic patrimony has helped shape our own American culture and our outlook on life. I salute Mr. Sabatini's work, as it will continue to provide learned enjoyment for many generations to come.

HONORING ALMA MATILDA WALTERS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Alma Matilda Walters on the occasion of her 100th birthday, which will take place next week on February 22nd.

Mrs. Walters was born on February 22, 1903, in Palmetto Point, St. Kitts, British West Indies. She immigrated to the United States in her early teens and like so many immigrants of that era, she entered the U.S. through Ellis Island. Mrs. Walters eventually settled in Jersey City, New Jersey, married and raised her first five children (Delores, Irene, Marjorie, Florence and John) there. Her first marriage ended in divorce and she was forced to raise her children as "a single mother" well before the phrase became a part of today's popular culture. Mrs. Walters did so while working as a church assistant and domestic worker to the Lerner family, the owners of the Lerner clothing store chain.

Mrs. Walters worked as a nurse's aide at Community Hospital in Brooklyn's Flatbush neighborhood for many years. She was an active member of Local 1199 and participated in union activities during her working years as well as after her retirement in 1977. She was also an active member of the Miller Avenue Block Association and a life-long Democrat.

Later in life, she met and married M/Sgt. Ulysses Walters. The Walters traveled throughout the United States and lived in Texas, Oklahoma and Georgia before returning to Brooklyn, New York in 1963. Together, they adopted a son, Frank Edward. Mrs. Walters' husband, Ulysses, died in 1975.

Mrs. Walters resided at 399 Miller Avenue in the East New York section of Brooklyn from 1964 until the spring of 2000 when she suffered a hip fracture and needed extensive nursing care. She is currently residing at the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Alma Matilda Walters currently has 96 direct descendants who are alive. This number includes six generations. She is an outstanding example of a woman who came to America to improve her own life and contributed in many ways to the success of her family, children and community. She struggled and endured during some of the most difficult times in our history. Although she only had the equivalent of an eighth grade education, she always inspired each of her children to be the best at whatever they chose to do in life.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the lifetime achievements of this remarkable woman, Mrs. Alma Matilda Walters, as she celebrates her 100th birthday on February 22, 2003.

CALVERT TROJANS WIN 2002 TEXAS BOWL; SIX-MAN FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the 2002 Calvert High School Trojan

six-man football team upon winning Calvert's first Texas State football title in school history!

Team members Herbert Kinney, Darius Smith, Chris Ford, Greg Ford, Sammy Wells, Deuantay Green, Torre Grimes, Joske Bowen, Tijon Green, Brandon Stewart, Brian Ford, Randall Green, Jay Green, Lionel Melton, James Ashley, Tranquille Kinney, Corey Gibson, Mario Smith, and Dekessler Ford provided a natural well spring of notable Calvert championship athletic talent, the likes of which has not been seen since National Baseball Hall of Fame inductees and half-brothers Rube and Bill Foster.

Head Coach and Trojan alumnus Coylin Grimes provided the unflappable leadership and football know-how necessary to mold this outstanding group of players into an unstoppable force and an unbeaten team (14-0). Upon realizing his team's championship ambitions last December way out in San Angelo, Coach Grimes remarked, "This feels great. The kids deserved it; the city of Calvert deserved it. It's just a great time to be a Calvert Trojan fan." You did it, Coach, and we're all proud of you and your work in guiding this outstanding group of young and talented athletes towards achieving their highest goals for the 2002 football season. The lessons of determination, concentration, and dedication, along with the rewards attending these lessons will not be forgotten, and will be shared by every Trojan athlete and scholar for all time. We also congratulate assistant coach Randy Boley, team managers Kiemon Council, Kasey Burnett, and Javion Council, whose dedication to the success of the 2002 Trojan six-man football team should also be honored.

The Trojans scored all 51 of their points in the final half of 2002 championship play, stunning the Sanderson Eagles who went into the locker room at the half up 32-0. The 4,000 football fans on hand at San Angelo's Bobcat Stadium were treated to a 50-yard score on the Trojan's final possession of the game by playmaker Darius Smith. Darius, who finished the game with 206 yards rushing, 88 yards receiving, and five touchdowns, caught a short pass on a flare route, broke two tackles, and took the ball over the goal line with less than a minute remaining in regulation to bring the Championship home to Calvert, 51-46. Congratulations to the Calvert High School football team and to their fans, friends and families in Calvert, Texas and throughout the country!

HONORING MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENTS: SERGEANT JOE PEDROZA, DEPUTY MATTHEW LUTHER, DEPUTY OSCAR LEON, DEPUTY PHILLIP FARLEY, OFFICER TERESA NAUGLE-DUDEK AND OFFICER ERNIE SANCHEZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to honor the courageous efforts of the men and women in law enforcement. These individuals risk their lives each day in fighting crime and keeping our communities safe. Tonight, I honor four brave members of the Monterey County Sheriff's Department and two members of the Salinas Police Department that

have been awarded a Medal of Valor by the Monterey County Peace Officer's Association for their dedicated service to the County of Monterey.

On December 29, 2001, Monterey County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle that may have been involved in the sale of stolen property. Deputy Matthew Luther determined the vehicle was stolen and also realized that it was parked at a residence where known felons took refuge.

Additional units arrived and surrounded the location: Deputy Luther and Deputy Phillip Farley covered the rear of the home, while Deputy Oscar Leon covered the front. Sergeant Joe Pedroza took the exterior perimeter.

A suspect's desperate efforts to flee were thwarted by Deputy Farley. Trying another exit, the suspect encountered Deputy Leon and began shooting. Deputy Leon returned fire at almost point blank range. Shortly thereafter, the suspect attempted to escape by jumping off the front porch of the residence and tried to climb into a tree above Deputy Luther. The suspect, still in possession of his handgun was disabled by Deputy Luther's return fire. After securing the suspect, two additional co-conspirators were located inside the house and taken into custody.

Throughout this quick encounter, each deputy employed his skills, training, and instincts—all of which culminated in the securing of the suspect and the crime scene. The encounter was not over after the suspect was shot and disabled. All the deputies involved maintained their focus, worked in unison and continued to react to each threat as it arose. The above Sheriff's Deputies were confronted with a life and death situation in which, a murder suspect attempted to gain his freedom by shooting his gun at them. In doing so, they were able to apprehend the suspect without injuries to the deputies involved.

Sergeant Joe Pedroza, Deputy Matthew Luther, Deputy Oscar Leon, and Deputy Phillip Farley were awarded this Medal of Valor on April 17, 2002.

On the evening of January 15, 2002, the Salinas Fire Department and the Salinas Police Department were dispatched to a structure fire at the Acosta Plaza apartment complex.

Officer Ernie Sanchez and Officer Teresa Naugle-Dudek arrived before any fire units and determined that the occupants of apartment #2, which was fully engulfed, were safe and accounted for. In speaking with the residents, the two officers learned that the occupants of apartment #1 had not been seen outside.

When Officer Sanchez knocked on the door and got no response, he forced the locked door. When Officer Sanchez and Officer Naugle-Dudek entered the premises, they found the apartment full of thick, dark smoke. Without breathing apparatus or concern for their personal safety, they located three individuals asleep in an upstairs bedroom. Officer Sanchez and Officer Naugle-Dudek evacuated the residents and had the persons evaluated by medical personnel at the scene.

Officer Sanchez kept the family with him until he could make arrangements with relatives for their lodging. Officer Naugle-Dudek assisted the other displaced residents in securing temporary housing in the complex, until their units could be declared structurally safe to inhabit.

There is little doubt that both their quick actions averted a potentially deadly situation.

These citizens, fast asleep, could have been overcome by smoke inhalation and perished in their home. Officer Sanchez and Officer Naugle-Dudek displayed heroism while disregarding their own personal safety during the structure fire.

Officer Teresa Naugle-Dudek and Officer Ernie Sanchez were awarded this Medal of Valor on April 17, 2002.

Undaunted, all of these men and women acted with great courage, in concert with one another and with the highest degree of professionalism. And it is their undying commitment to public safety and law enforcement that is so essential to the health of our communities. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate these individuals on their receipt of this tremendous honor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON THEIR ORANGE BOWL VICTORY

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the accomplishments of the University of Southern California football team. Congratulations are indeed in order for USC President Steven Sample, Head Coach Pete Carroll, and the Orange Bowl champions, who finished the season with the #1 ranking in the Sagarin and Matthews/Scripps Howard ratings and the nation's #4 ranking in the final AP and ESPN/USA Today polls.

The USC Trojan football team has shown unique skill, charisma, dedication, and love for the sport. The Trojans accumulated an 11 and 2 win-loss record while competing against some of the best programs in the country. The Trojans regular season performance and their strength of schedule earned them a Bowl Championship Series, or BCS, berth. Teamwork and a motivated work ethic combined to create second half domination over Iowa in the Orange Bowl. After going into the half tied 10-10, the Trojans mounted long touchdown marches on their first three possessions of the second half to blow open the game. USC finished the game 38-17, defeating a higher ranked Iowa Hawkeye team.

Now is also the appropriate time to congratulate quarterback Carson Palmer for winning the prestigious Heisman Trophy. This is the first time the trophy has returned to the west coast since USC running back Marcus Allen managed the feat 21 years ago. Carson Palmer is the 5th Heisman winner from USC. Palmer himself summed up the Trojan mind set this year when he stated, "I couldn't be more honored to take this trophy back to share with my teammates in Los Angeles . . . This award is as much theirs as it is mine."

Mr. Speaker, again I congratulate USC President Steven Sample, Head Coach Pete Carroll, and the football team at the University of Southern California for a season to remember.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE TO THE FAMILIES OF THE CREW OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE "COLUMBIA"

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor the lives of the seven courageous individuals who tragically perished aboard the Space Shuttle *Columbia* on Saturday morning. Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, Rick Husband, William McCool, and Ilan Ramon are true heroes who leave behind a legacy of cooperation, hard work, and friendship that will live on and inspire future generations of scientists and space explorers. I offer my deepest condolences to the astronauts' families.

In the midst of this tragedy, may our Nation and the international community also pay homage to all of the selfless, courageous astronauts of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and other space agencies around the world. These men and women venture into the unknown in search of new knowledge. These complex, grueling, and dangerous missions have been the source of some of the greatest technological gains in history.

The goal of every astronaut is ultimately the betterment of mankind, and the seven explorers we lost on Saturday were working towards exactly that. They were working to understand complex mechanisms in the human body, collecting samples of their own blood, urine, and saliva to detect possible bone loss, kidney stones, muscle loss, or weakening of immune systems, to lead to developments in healthcare—like the dialysis equipment that my mother uses.

As the astronauts watched the Earth spin below them, observing climatic and atmospheric phenomena, they worked on projects to help lessen our footprint on the planet, including researching low-level combustion for use in leaner-burning automobile engines. The data from their research will have impact far into the future.

As people in my district of El Paso and across the Nation watched the *Columbia* fall from the sky on Saturday morning, we were gripped with awe and fear. We will rise out of this tragedy. The lessons that we learn from this day will bring us to a brighter tomorrow, a future in which more passionate young men and women truly become citizens of the universe, looking at the world from the vantage point of the stars. The crew of the *Columbia* lived an adventure which most of us can only imagine. As long as children look up to the sky and dream of touching the stars or standing on the moon, our memories of these brave men and women will live on.

THE RIM OF THE VALLEY CORRIDOR STUDY ACT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study

Act, directing the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to study the feasibility of expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the mountains and canyons in Southern California that are part of the Rim of the Valley Corridor, as designated by the State of California.

The National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service would jointly study the suitability of more than doubling the size of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by encompassing this corridor, which contains areas of rare Mediterranean ecosystems and encircles the mountains above the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Santa Clarita, Simi, and Conejo Valleys, as well as the famed Arroyo Seco, home of Pasadena's Rose Bowl.

For many residents of Southern California, the mountains above our communities are a nearby haven to enjoy nature, a refuge from the noise and commotion of Los Angeles. Our mountains can and should be places where city-dwellers can easily go to enjoy such activities as hiking, camping, mountain biking, horseback riding, observing wildlife, and admiring nature's scenic beauty. Given the tremendous growth pressures in Southern California, we must act now to preserve our precious open space. It is my hope that the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act will embody a dream and vision of a Southern California enhanced not only by what was built, but also by what was preserved.

The National Park Service oversees the highly successful Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, the world's largest urban park, spanning from the mountains to the sea and protected in perpetuity by Congress in 1978. Inclusion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor would link wildlife habitat in the Santa Monica Mountains to the Angeles National Forest.

The Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act would require the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to complete their study within one to three years, consulting with state and local government entities. It would then be necessary for Congress to enact subsequent legislation to implement the study's recommendations.

I am pleased that this legislation has bipartisan support, with Reps. HOWARD BERMAN, DAVID DREIER, GEORGE MILLER, BRAD SHERRMAN, and HILDA SOLIS as principal co-sponsors. I am delighted that the senior Senator from California, Senator FEINSTEIN, is also introducing this important legislation today.

The Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act will result in an initiative creating a lasting legacy of nearby natural open space for our children—and their children—to enjoy.

HONORING RICHARD WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Richard Williams, Jr., who served as Blount County Commissioner from 1984 until recently.

Commissioner Williams was dedicated to his family, faith and Country. He was a great American.

An active member of the Blount County community, Commissioner Williams was a Sunday school teacher and chairman of the Board of Deacons at St. John Baptist Church of Alcoa. He was Past Master of Granite Masonic Lodge No. 289, Past Commander in Chief of Alcoa Consistory No. 175, Past Potentate of Almas Shrine Temple No. 71, and was named Mason of the Year.

In 2002 he received the Governor's Tennessee Volunteer Commendation Award and was listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans. Williams was also a member of the Alcoa Rotary and American Legion Post 18.

When he was elected to Blount County's governing body in 1984, he became the second African-American elected official in Blount County in the twentieth century and the third in the county's history.

Above all, he cherished his family. Commissioner Williams was married to Evelyn Robinson Williams for over forty years. He loved being a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

This Nation is a better place because of Commissioner Williams, and I want, in this small way, to express my great appreciation for his service and my heartfelt condolences to his family.

HONORING STANLEY EUGENE
TOLLIVER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Stanley Eugene Tolliver—respected attorney, civic activist, community advocate, dedicated family man, and friend and mentor to countless—as he is sworn-in as President of the Norman S. Minor Bar Association.

Mr. Tolliver was born and raised in Cleveland, and has reflected a life-long commitment to education for himself and for others. After attending the Cleveland Public Schools, Mr. Tolliver received his undergraduate degree at Baldwin Wallace College with a major in pre-law. He was awarded his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1951. Mr. Tolliver passed the bar exam in 1953 while serving in the United States Army. In 1969, he received a Juris Doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

He embarked upon his journey of public service in the seventies, when he was appointed by Judge Frank Batisti to the Committee of the Office of School Monitoring and Community Relations. Mr. Tolliver was elected to the Cleveland School Board in 1981; re-elected in 1985, 1989, and elected as President of the School Board in 1987. In 1990, Mr. Tolliver was reelected as President of the School Board. Besides his dedication to the education of our youth, Mr. Tolliver has been equally committed to social justice issues. He is an active member of the Black Elected Democrats of Cleveland; a life-long member of the NAACP; an Executive Committee Member of the Cleveland NAACP; and an active member of the Cleveland Citizens Committee Against Dual Law Enforcement. Additionally, Mr. Tolliver has served as legal counsel to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Southern Christian

Leadership Conference and the Congress of Racial Equality. Mr. Tolliver acted as the legal advisor for the Shield Club, and initiated the indictment of ten Cleveland police officers for violent crimes.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Stanley Eugene Tolliver, and his continued commitment to our community. His work, expertise and dedication have served to uplift, improve and unify our entire citizenry. Mr. Tolliver's strong leadership abilities, vision, and passion for social justice for all has earned him the deep admiration and respect of the Cleveland community, as well as the entire Greater Cleveland community.

INTRODUCING THE SALES TAX EQUITABILITY ACT

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Sales Tax Equitability Act, important legislation which would eliminate the discrimination faced by individuals who live in States that have no income tax.

Under current law, individuals can deduct their State income tax from their Federal income tax. Unfortunately, in many States like Texas, which has no State income tax, residents are not eligible for this deduction. Even though they pay State sales taxes that are equitable to income taxes in other States, these individuals are penalized because they don't pay a State income tax. This situation is patently unfair.

The legislation I am introducing today would allow residents of States with no income tax to deduct their sales tax from their Federal income tax. This legislation would provide fairness for all Americans by ensuring that, in States where there is no income tax, State and local sales taxes are treated the same as income taxes.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF RABBI SIDNEY KLEIMAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Rabbi Sidney Kleiman on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Both a scholar and a vigorous leader, Rabbi Kleiman inspires his community and congregation with his pious dedication and moving sermons.

With the longest active tenure of service in the same synagogue of any living rabbi, Rabbi Kleiman, has been serving New York City's historic Congregation Talmud Torah Adereth El for over 60 years. First as Rabbi from 1939–1999, he now serves as Rabbi Emeritus since 2000.

Rabbi Kleiman tells the story of how he became rabbi of Adereth El. "In 1939, I was Rabbi of the Jewish Center of Violet Park [in Bronx]. A Mr. Finkel, of blessed memory, was a member of my shul and also a member of

the 29th Street shul. He noticed that I left every morning to go down to Henry Street on the lower east side, to take my children to school in the yeshiva, and that I would go back every afternoon to pick them up. Mr. Finkel said to me, "Rabbi, you can't keep this up! You will not last, it is too much for you. There is an excellent opportunity, the 29th Street shul is looking for a Rabbi. The position would be perfect for you." Rabbi Kleiman was happy in his current position, but Mr. Finkel persisted. Rabbi Kleiman agreed to preach a sermon one Shabbos, with the understanding that he was not applying for the position of Rabbi.

He recounts, "The Saturday I preached was the week that Britain's Prime Minister Chamberlain had held his now infamous meeting with Hitler in Munich. When Chamberlain returned to 10 Downing Street, it was a rainy day. He opened up his umbrella and declared to the world: Peace in our time! The title of the sermon I preached that Shabbos was Peace Not in Our Times." Rabbi Kleiman explains that Chamberlain should have known from his meeting that Hitler was out to destroy the Jewish people and their rich culture. In the pacifist and isolationist climate of the United States during that time, the Rabbi stressed that the prestige of the Jewish people and their leaders had to be raised. In his words, "The congregation said that if this Rabbi is crazy enough to deliver this kind of sermon when America is so isolationist and pacifistic, let's elect him for six months and then fire him. And so it was. Every six months I was fired and re-hired. And that's how I lasted 60 years!"

And after fifty years as Rabbi, the Board of Trustees at Adereth El asked him if he would consider retiring. He said, "No Way!" He told them that his mother lived to 104 and was alert to the last day and he expects to outlive her. Currently, after 60 years of outstanding service and leadership, Rabbi Kleiman has been given the new honor and title of Rabbi Emeritus, which he expects to be for at least another fifty years.

Congregation Talmud Torah Adereth El, founded in 1857, has the distinction of being the only Jewish congregation in New York City to have worshipped for more than 140 years on the same site. Since 1863, Adereth El has been located on East 29th Street. The original design and integrity of the synagogue's simple and dignified interior has been substantially unaltered. Today, the congregation continues to provide a spiritual home to over 150 New York City families. The contributions of Congregation Talmud Torah Adereth El have touched many lives by providing spiritual guidance as well as fostering an enduring spirit of community. This spirit of giving is epitomized by the dedication and selflessness exhibited by Rabbi Kleiman.

For his unwavering dedication to his community and congregation, Rabbi Kleiman will forever remain a prominent and lasting community and spiritual leader.

In recognition of Rabbi Kleiman's lifetime of service and leadership of Congregation Talmud Torah Adereth El, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Rabbi Kleiman and the congregation on his 90th birthday celebration.

RECOGNITION TO SALVATORE M.
SCHIBELL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a friend of the Sixth District of New Jersey. Mr. Salvatore Michael Schibell, who is being honored as the Man of the Year for the Amerigo Vespucci Society.

Mr. Schibell is being honored for his untiring dedication and remarkable assistance to his community. Mr. Schibell, a native of Long Branch, attended Long Branch High School and later graduated from Monmouth University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. In 1990, Mr. Schibell was awarded his Masters Degree in Tax Law by Fairleigh Dickinson University. He holds CPA Certificates in both New Jersey and New York.

In 1989 Mr. Schibell was a founding partner of Rescinio, Schibell & Company. Prior to the formation of the firm, he spent fifteen years in public accounting, most of them with an international Big 6 firm. Formerly a senior manager, he left public accounting to serve eight years as the senior financial officer and general manager of a major beverage distributor. In 1993, Mr. Schibell became a partner of the accounting firm of Lawson, Rescinio, Schibell & Associates, P.C. in Oakhurst, NJ.

Mr. Schibell's professional memberships are numerous, some of which include: The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants; Community Associates Institute, and the Estate Planning Council of Central New Jersey, for which he served as the past president and was on the Board of Trustees. In addition, Mr. Schibell has served on numerous committees for charitable organizations, such as: the Amerigo Vespucci Society, and the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch. Presently, Mr. Schibell and his wife Lois reside in Eatontown, New Jersey where they enjoy the company of their four children Stephanie, Andy, Sean, and Denise and their first grandchild, Ashley Brook.

On this day we celebrate and honor the distinguished Mr. Salvatore M. Schibell for his extensive accomplishments and his dedicated service to his community. I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending him in his dedication.

T.C. ROBERSON FUTURE FARMERS
OF AMERICA

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the T.C. Roberson High School Future Farmers of America organization and their teacher, Lonnie Johnson. The organization was recently recognized in the November/December 2002 issue of New Horizons magazine for their efforts to help poor and elderly individuals by participating in MANNA FoodBank's Plant a Row for the Hun-

gry project. Through their hard work, these outstanding high school students provided hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables to needy individuals throughout western North Carolina. The T.C. Roberson High School Future Farmers of America organization was also recognized in a July 8, 2002 editorial and a July 5, 2002 article in the Asheville-Citizen Times, which I am happy to share with my colleagues.

[From the Asheville Citizen-Times, July 5, 2002]

FUTURE FARMERS RAISE CROPS FOR THOSE IN
NEED

(By Barbara Blake)

SKYLAND.—Lonnie Johnson can almost see the smiles on the faces of the elderly people who will soon be eating fresh corn, beans, tomatoes, squash and peppers his horticulture students are growing out at Roberson High School.

And thinking about the pleasure these nutritious vegetables will bring to those senior citizens and others who live on the edge of hunger brings a smile to Johnson's face.

"Elderly people go crazy with fresh produce," he said. "A lot of these people don't get much fresh, and we're going to be giving them hundreds of pounds all the way up into September and October. And we won't stop then—in the fall, we'll plant our fall garden with greens and cabbage and turnips and broccoli, and we'll keep it coming."

Those are sweet words to the staff at MANNA FoodBank, which will receive the vegetables from the Roberson students and immediately distribute them to the poor and hungry in Western North Carolina as part of the nonprofit's Plant a Row for the Hungry project.

Johnson, who formerly was the horticulture teacher at the Swannanoa Valley Youth Academy, started the Plant a Row project on that campus two years ago, providing MANNA with nearly 2,000 pounds of produce.

Early in the spring, Johnson found his Future Farmers of America students at Roberson equally interested in participating. So they worked together to plant more than one row for the hungry after clearing brush to make beds, working the soil and carefully planting seeds—all while learning about all things gardening and horticulture.

Throughout their summer vacation, students have come one, two or 10 at a time to replant, weed, water and, now, harvest the vegetables of their labor.

"It's fun—I like to work with my hands," said rising sophomore Levi Dowdle, peering into a bushy hill of squash loaded with yellow flowers and tiny fruits. "I like seeing how much stuff has grown, and how fast it grows, and how much time different things take."

"And," he said, "I like helping people."

This produce will definitely help people, according to Kitty Schaller, director of development at MANNA, which netted more than 15,000 pounds of donated produce from local gardens last year.

"Lots of times during the year, we're able to access produce because it's not in great condition. But this puts the freshest stuff in the hands of the agencies that need it—and the need is great," Schaller said.

"This is first-quality stuff, and as soon as it comes in, it goes out."

Schaller said the Youth Academy and the Roberson FFA kids are the only two schools formally involved with the Plant a Row for the Hungry project, and said she hopes other schools will take part.

"We love having children do this, because it establishes a pattern for them—making a

connection with the soil, making a connection with hungry people," Schaller said. "We're grateful to the folks at Roberson for taking this on, and we hope other schools will decide to do it as well."

Schaller said MANNA also is grateful for more informal donations of fresh vegetables, ideally between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., weekdays.

"But if someone needs to come on Saturday, they can call and we'll make special arrangements," she said.

"While we emphasize the 'plant a row' concept, we also are very, very welcoming of people's excess produce, even if it's just excess," Schaller said. "It's a lot of people doing a little amount that really makes a difference—and a few people doing extraordinary stuff."

[From the Asheville Citizen-Times, July 8, 2002]

ROBERSON'S FFA GOOD SIGN OF BRIGHT
FUTURE FOR WNC CITIZENSHIP

Thanks to a group of Future Farmers of America at Roberson High School and their teacher, Lonnie Johnson, poor, elderly people in Western North Carolina will be benefiting from one of summer's greatest pleasures—a bounty of fresh, homegrown vegetables.

As any backyard gardener knows, nothing tastes as good as a ripe, freshly picked tomato. And nothing is more nutritious than homegrown vegetables that are eaten soon after they were harvested.

Johnson and his students decided to participate in MANNA FoodBank's Plant a Row for the Hungry project, but they planted more than a row. They're growing corn, beans, tomatoes, squash and peppers. Before coming to Roberson, Johnson taught horticulture at the Swannanoa Valley Youth Academy, where he started a Plant a Row project two years ago. That project provided MANNA with nearly 2,000 pounds of produce.

"Lots of times during the year, we're able to access produce because it's not in great condition," said MANNA's Director of Development Kitty Schaller. "But this puts the freshest stuff in the hands of the agencies that need it—and the need is great. This is first-quality stuff, and as soon as it comes in, it goes out."

The project benefits not only those whose consume the vegetables, it gives young people an opportunity to learn about gardening. Throughout their summer vacation, students have come singly and in groups to replant, weed, water and harvest the vegetables. They're learning more than practical horticultural skills.

"We love having children do this," pattern for them—making a connection with the soil, making a connection with hungry people.

The Youth Academy and Roberson FFA are the only two schools formally involved with the Plant a Row program, Schaller said, but she'd love to see others participate.

As for Johnson, he gets a lot of satisfaction thinking about those who will relish the vegetables his students grow.

"Elderly people go crazy with fresh produce," he said. "A lot of these people don't get much fresh, and we're going to be giving them hundreds of pounds all the way up into September and October. And we won't stop then—in the fall, we'll plant our fall garden with greens and cabbage and turnips and broccoli, and we'll keep it coming."

Kudos to Johnson and his students, who have pointed the way for other schools. But in this time of fiscal austerity, participating in the Plant a Row project is a tremendous and inexpensive opportunity for anyone who has a garden spot to give a great bounty to

those in need. Seeds are inexpensive and with a little tender loving care they become a nourishing gift beyond compare.

Schaller said MANNA is also grateful for more informal donations of fresh vegetables, preferably between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays. So, if your garden is producing more than you can possibly preserve, consider a donation to MANNA.

You'll have the joy of imagining, as Johnson does, the pleasure your gift will bring.

[From New Horizons, Nov./Dec. 2002]

T.C. ROBERSON HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Here in Asheville, a city of 60,000 people in the hills of western North Carolina, the MANNA Food Bank feeds people in need across a 19-county area. They do their best to keep food moving to soup kitchens, the elderly, child daycare centers for families with low incomes and anywhere else where people have trouble putting food on the table.

A few years ago, Lonnie Johnson, the Roberson FFA Chapter advisor, heard about MANNA's "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program, where local citizens donate a portion of their garden vegetables to the food bank.

Johnson recognized the opportunity and pounced on it. "There are people in our community who have needs, and if we can help meet those needs, then there's a lot of learning that can go on," Johnson says.

BREAKING GROUND

Roberson FFA members quickly latched onto the project. For many, it's a hands-on component for horticulture class. For others, it's afterschool volunteerism.

Jacob Laughter, a junior who currently serves as FFA chapter president, has been at Roberson High since the project began. "I got to break ground for the beginning of our garden with our new Troy-Bilt tiller. I was also part of the seeding process, where we dug small holes to plant our seeds."

Senior Jenny Stove, the FFA chapter secretary, is just glad she has the opportunity to be involved. "I think I love to work in the garden more than all else," she says. "Behind our greenhouse, we have corn that grows mile-high, spinach that the local rabbits eat, onions, collard greens cucumbers and zucchini."

It's fresh vegetables like these that are considered delicacies at the food bank, where most of the food distributed is packaged in cans and boxes. "People really get excited when they get fresh produce," Johnson says.

While this modest, one-third of an acre garden isn't breaking any records for size, everything from the garden is donated to the food bank. So far, the small parcel of ground has yielded hundreds of pounds of vegetables, and counting.

Deborah Stines, a junior, likes the harvest best. "I enjoy working in the garden because I like to pick the vegetables and be able to say to myself, 'Hey, I planted this, and it grew!'" When the time for harvest arrives, the FFA crew loads and drives the procedure to MANNA's loading dock, where workers eight the load and give the students a receipt.

IN THE NEWS

The chapter's efforts haven't gone unnoticed. Editors at the Asheville Citizen-Times caught wind of the FFA chapter's project in July. In a lengthy editorial, they had this to say: "Kudos to Johnson and his students, who have pointed the way for other schools." After this appeared in the newspaper, the phone in the agriculture shop started ringing.

As a result of the editorial, people from the school and the community called and wanted to visit the garden. "It just perked them up

and made them feel good," Johnson says. Soon thereafter, a local television station and the school's own televised news program quickly picked up the story.

While these FFA members appreciate the positive publicity their FFA chapter has received, they realize something more important is happening. Their gardening project has built public awareness of hunger—a move that will put Asheville, and the world, a few steps closer to making sure everyone has enough food to eat.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Krystal Dorsey, a sophomore, didn't have any community service experience a couple of years ago. "After working on this project," she says, "I started to realize how important it is to do things for others, as well as how awesome it feels."

Jessica Stouder, a junior, echoes those sentiments: "It makes me glad to see that if students are working like this to help a cause here in little Asheville, then think of the big difference we could make all over the country."

TRIBUTE TO NICK PINO

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Nick Pino of Pueblo, Colorado for the selfless act of courage he displayed on November 8, 2002. Nick's quick actions, along with the efforts of other students from Centennial High School, helped Edith Lichtenberg to safety after flames engulfed her home.

On November 8, 2002, billowing smoke one block from Centennial High School prompted a group of students—Prince Speights, Clint Albrecht, Nick Pino, Kathy Ortiz, Linus Trujillo, and Taylor Proctor—into action. Driving toward the smoke, the group quickly discovered the bushes and trees in 86-year-old Edith Lichtenberg's yard ablaze and used a cell phone to contact emergency dispatchers. The flames rapidly spread to the house and the group moved swiftly to make sure no one was in the home. With the fire engulfing the front of the house, the students jumped the locked fence around the backyard to warn anyone who might still be inside. Noticing the back door open and seeing Ms. Lichtenberg still inside, they caught her attention and guided her outside away from the flames. Nick courageously assisted in getting Ms. Lichtenberg out of the house, and the group moved her to safety.

The youths maintained their composure during a time of adversity and conducted themselves in a fashion that has brought honor to themselves, their families, their school, and the entire community of Pueblo. It is always heartening to see young Americans meet such an extraordinary circumstance successfully. Courage like theirs strengthens and protects our communities everyday.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today and recognize the heroic efforts of Nick Pino before this body of Congress and this nation. Nick's quick actions, coupled with those of his fellow students, prevented a terrible fire from ending in great tragedy. Their selfless actions are an inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF GOUVERNEUR HEALTHCARE SERVICES

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Gouverneur Healthcare Services, on the occasion of their Annual Chinese New Year Celebration. Founded in 1885, Gouverneur Healthcare Services has a rich and lengthy history of providing innovative healthcare services for New Yorkers and their families.

In 1885, Gouverneur made history by becoming America's first public hospital to establish a tuberculosis clinic. As a pioneer in healthcare, it was also the first institution to employ a female physician on its ambulance service as well as the first to set up day camp on a boat for undernourished adults and children. A century later, Gouverneur established Project HELP, the first psychiatric mobile crisis unit for homeless, mentally ill individuals. These are just a few examples of Gouverneur's ability to create innovative programs to fulfill the needs of our community.

Gouverneur's 210 bed Nursing Facility has provided outstanding skilled nursing and rehabilitation care for over a quarter of a century. Care is provided in an ethnically and culturally sensitive manner, with special programs for Chinese and Hispanics. In addition, Gouverneur's ambulatory care facility, with over 300,000 visits in FY 1998, is one of the city's busiest. Among Gouverneur's many notable services is the Diagnostic and Treatment Center, which is the largest in New York State, providing more than 300,000 visits each year. The center focuses on maintaining patient wellness through a wide range of outpatient diagnostic and healthcare services including general medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, obstetrics, HIV care, behavioral health, dentistry, podiatry, dermatology and an eye clinic.

Gouverneur aims to reach all members of the culturally and ethnically rich Manhattan community. Special programs include the Asian Bicultural Unit, which provides psychiatric services for members of the Asian community, and the Roberto Clemente Center and the Sylvia Del Villard Continuing Day Treatment Program, which offer mental health programs designed to suit the needs of the Latino community.

Gouverneur's attentive concern and dedication to a multi-cultural patient population have made it a leader in providing services to non-English speaking patients. Gouverneur's staff is multilingual and is devoted to meeting each patients' individual needs. For example, Gouverneur's nursing facility provides Chinese, English and Spanish menus, with an emphasis on individual food preferences.

Gouverneur's multicultural services department works diligently to ensure that each and every patient feels comfortable while his or her healthcare needs are addressed. The department has members and volunteers that provide interpreting services in various languages, and printed materials are available in English, Chinese and Spanish throughout the facility. Gouverneur has also piloted TEMIS,

an award winning system that enables patients and their providers to receive simultaneous translation during exams through the use of wireless technology.

As an active leader in the community, Gouverneur hosted "Celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month" in May 2002. The event raised public awareness and offered free speech and language screenings to children from a widely diverse community in their own native languages. As a result of the collaboration, many children were screened and approximately 75% were flagged for possible speech and language difficulties.

In recognition of Gouverneur Healthcare Services' outstanding contributions to the community and their commitment to the quality of life of the diverse New York City community, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Gouverneur Healthcare Services on the occasion of their Annual Chinese New Year Celebration.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT J. "BOB"
LEWIS

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. Robert J. "Bob" Lewis, Deputy Executive Director for Federal Relations of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC). Bob retired January 10, 2003. Bob has had a very distinguished career providing over 32 years of leadership and direction in government and association service.

Bob has a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School and is a member of the D.C. and Michigan Bar Associations. Bob started his career in D.C. as a Legislative Assistant for Senator Robert P. Griffin (R-MI). He then went on to serve as a Staff Assistant to President Nixon on the White House Domestic Council; General Counsel of the Federal Trade Commission; partner at Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll; Vice President for the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association; Senior Vice President for Federal Relations at the Tobacco Institute and Vice President for Public Affairs at the Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association. Bob and his wife, Margaret, have two children and two grandchildren.

During his time at NAWC, Bob was responsible for developing and implementing NAWC's Federal government relations strategy including both legislative and regulatory activities. As a senior manager, Bob also saw to the day-to-day operations of the association. Bob's dedication to these duties was a true asset to NAWC as well to those who worked directly with him. His honesty, fairness and integrity are of the highest caliber and, his concern for others is genuine. Bob completes his tenure at NAWC as the instrumental figure in carrying out the strategies that led to many important victories for the association and its members.

Since my arrival in Washington, I have had the privilege of working with Bob in developing legislation that will help local water companies continue to provide clean, affordable drinking water. His effectiveness as an advocate on

these issues is a true testament to his dedication and passion for his work. His professionalism will be missed, but his accomplishments will remain.

Again, I would like to congratulate Bob on his career accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IT IS TIME TO KEEP OUR PROMISE
TO FILIPINO VETERANS OF
WORLD WAR II

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to ask for the support of my colleagues for H.R. 664, "The Health Care for Filipino World War II Veterans Act."

Almost 60 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt drafted the soldiers of the Philippines into service in World War II, because the Philippine was a territory of the United States at that time. Fighting side-by-side with soldiers from the United States mainland, the Filipino soldiers were instrumental in the successful outcome of the war. However, shortly after the war's end in 1946, Congress passed the Rescissions Act which took away promised benefits from many of the Filipino veterans and declared that their service was deemed not to be service in the military forces of the United States.

We owe not only a debt of gratitude to these brave veterans, but we owe them recognition as veterans of the United States military. And we owe them the benefits they were promised! Now in their 70s and 80s, they are in desperate need of health care, and approximately five veterans are dying each day.

I have introduced, H.R. 664, with a number of original co-sponsors from both parties, including Congressmembers SIMMONS, EVANS, CUNNINGHAM, PELOSI, ISSA, ROHRBACHER, ABERCROMBIE, MILLENDER-MCDONALD, TIAHRT, LOFGREN, AND SCOTT. This bill would provide access to VA medical facilities for the Filipino veterans who are now living in the United States and would restore the designation of veteran to these brave men.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Principi, testified in a June 13, 2002 hearing before the VA Health Subcommittee in support of H.R. 4904, the version of this bill in the 107th session. The House of Representatives passed these health care benefits on July 22, 2002 but they were unable to get passed by the Senate before adjournment of last year's session. Senator INOUE has reintroduced a similar bill in the 108th session in the Senate (S. 68).

There is overwhelming support for H.R. 664. We must quickly pass this bill to begin the process of restoring benefits that are deserved by the Filipino World War II veterans.

IN MEMORY OF THE HON. FRED V.
SKOK

HON. STEVEN C. LaTOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. LaTOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I recently lost a dear friend and revered colleague, Lake

County Probate Judge Fred V. Skok, who died January 10 after a brief illness.

Judge Skok left behind a beloved wife of 39 years, Linda; daughters Heidi Skok Thorp of Glenmont, NY, and Gretchen Skok DiSanto of Concord Township; sons-in-law James Thorp and Dino DiSanto, and two grandsons, Harry Thorp and Hugh Thorp. A daughter, Christine Marie Skok, and his parents, Victor and Mary (Shume) Skok, are deceased.

Judge Skok was a legal legend in Lake County. He was elected County Prosecutor in 1960 and Probate Court Judge in 1972. He was set to retire this year after serving 30 years on the bench. He was a 1952 graduate of Princeton University and earned his law degree at the former Western Reserve University Law School in Cleveland.

I consider myself blessed to have known Judge Skok for many years, and I looked to him as a mentor while I served as County Prosecutor before coming to Congress. Judge Skok was a quiet, scholarly man with a tremendous wit and a voracious intellect. He was revered in legal circles and doing the right thing was second nature to him.

Judge Skok will also be remembered for his great devotion to Lake Metroparks, and maintaining the environmental beauty of Lake County. As a 30-year resident of Concord Township, few things brought more pride to the judge than preserving the sprawling park space by his home and throughout the county.

The passing of Judge Skok brought great sadness to those who knew him. On behalf of the 14th Congressional District of Ohio, I share my heartfelt condolences with his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
PANPAPHIAN ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the Panpaphian Association of America, Inc., on the occasion of the Fourth Evagoras Pallikarides Award of Merit. An outstanding organization established in 1987, the Panpaphian Association has enriched its community through its promotion of the rich culture of Cyprus.

Founded by a small group of Cypriot Americans of Panpaphian ancestry, the Panpaphian Association of America has grown considerably in the past two decades. It has played a significant role in educating others about Cyprus and its history, traditions, and customs. The Panpaphian Association's contributions to the community include a choir and a soccer team, as well as various educational lectures on Paphian archaeological excavations and their findings. Originally a small community organization, the Panpaphian Association prospered remarkably and has developed into a pillar of the Cypriot American community.

In addition to supporting Cyprus and increasing awareness of Cypriot heritage, the association is involved in motivating and aiding its community in various ways. It promotes and stresses the importance of education through its annual academic excellence awards. Further, the association has made a major effort in fundraising for those who require medical attention, and it has made helpful donations to Paphos Hospital.

In 1999, the Panpaphian Association established the Evagoras Pallikarides award, honoring the memory of Pallikarides, a Cypriot hero who was killed in 1956 while fighting for his country's freedom. Dennis C. Droushiotis, the Trade Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus, has been selected as the honored recipient of the 2003 Evagoras Pallikarides Award of Merit.

Among his many accomplishments are the establishment of the first Cyprus Trade Center in the United States and the implementation of many successful exports and investments programs, leading to the exponential growth of Cypriot exports to the U.S. The Trade Center's bilateral initiatives were a crucial factor in the United States becoming the main exporter to Cyprus and the growth of two-way trade.

Mr. Droushiotis is also the founding member of the Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce, inaugurated in 1998 by President Glafcos Clerides and Minister Nicos Rolandis. He has served as a delegate to the World Trade Organization, the United Nation 33rd and 37th General Assembly Sessions, and other such prestigious gatherings. His many civic involvements include work with the European Travel Commission, the Cyprus Olympic Committee, and the Cyprus Children's Fund.

Throughout his life, Mr. Droushiotis has been committed to the cause of justice, peace, and prosperity for Cyprus. He has been honored by the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce, and in 2000, he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his work in international trade. As an individual who has contributed greatly not only to his nation but to both the Cypriot and Cypriot American communities, he is truly worthy of the Evagoras Pallikarides Award.

The organization has also chosen Charles Socrates as 2003 Member of the Year. Mr. Socrates, who originates from a small village in Cyprus, immigrated to the United States and, despite limited resources, developed a successful career while establishing an extensive network of family and friends. The Panpaphian Association honors Mr. Socrates today for his hard work and pride in his ethnicity.

In recognition of the Panpaphian Association of America's many contributions for the Cypriot American community, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this organization and all of tonight's honorees on the fourth anniversary of their annual Evagoras Pallikarides Award of Merit.

TRIBUTE TO LINUS TRUJILLO

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Linus Trujillo of Pueblo, Colorado for the selfless act of courage he displayed on November 8, 2002. Linus' quick actions, along with the efforts of other students from Centennial High School, helped Edith Lichtenberg to safety after flames engulfed her home.

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Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today and recognize the heroic efforts of Linus Trujillo before this body of Congress and this nation. Linus' quick actions, coupled with those of his fellow students, prevented a terrible fire from ending in great tragedy. Their selfless actions are an inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

HONORING TONYA MITCHELL: A HEROIC PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of Florida's heroes, Tonya Mitchell. Tonya Mitchell, a valiant public servant, was abducted on January 31, 2003, while driving a mail truck across northwest Miami-Dade County. Tonya Mitchell, extraordinarily composed, drove throughout Miami North-Dade and Broward Counties at gunpoint while dozens of patrol cars and news choppers followed. For five terrifying hours, including a two-hour standoff, Tonya Mitchell, unlike most people facing a life or death situation, maintained a remarkably calm demeanor until she was finally released to safety.

Tonya Mitchell, a 32-year-old mother of two from Miramar, Florida, is an example of true courage. The target of a very dangerous situation, she overcame fear and convinced her abductor, after the two-hour standoff, not to commit suicide. Because of her committed faith, she persuaded a man who put her life in grave danger to turn himself in to the authorities. Tonya Mitchell, a deeply religious woman, is not only a survivor, but a model of bravery.

United States postal employees have a visible presence in our community. My district, and districts across our country, function more effectively because of their invaluable work. Tonya Mitchell is a three-year veteran of the postal service who often fills in on her colleague's routes. She is a devotee to her community and as seen through last week's experience, a devotee to human kind. Mr. Speaker,

the South Florida community is very proud of Tonya Mitchell. Clearly seen through the dedication she has in her work and through her extraordinarily bold composure, she is truly a hero and a role model to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed roll call votes 18 and 19 on February 5, 2003. I was on my way to attend the funeral for a family member who passed away earlier in the week. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Motion to Re-commit H.J. Res. 18 and voted "yes" on H. Res. 51, expressing the House of Representatives condolences to the families and crew of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CITRUS GIRL SCOUT TROOP 378

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Heart of Florida Girl Scout Troop 378 in Citrus County, Florida for their service to the Community and to the people of my district.

The troop recently learned about the importance of voting and about the functions of American government as part of the 'I-Count' Voter Education program and each Troop Member participating in the program received a patch upon completion.

Mr. Speaker, as you may know, those in the Girl Scout program measure their accomplishments and award merit based on the number of patches they accumulate. As part of earning this patch, the girls studied intently and listened to a speech I gave about the importance of voting—and how one vote can be the deciding factor in some instances.

It was when I spoke to the girls and had the chance to meet them and hear about all they'd done in the community that I realized the tremendous amount of work they'd done and their intense dedication to the Girls Scout program.

Mr. Speaker, let me briefly mention just a few of the things this group of girls has done throughout their years of involvement with this program.

As Daisies the girls learned to do crafts and learned the Girl Scout promise. They went on campouts, marched in parades and sang at Surry Place Nursing home.

As Brownies, the troop went to nursing homes to sing, volunteered at various events and continued to appear in local parades.

As Juniors, they collected old, unused cell phones to benefit battered women, helped at the local "Relay for Life," which benefits the American Cancer Society, and presented the local volunteer firefighters with cookies to thank them for their work in the community.

Now that the girls are Cadets they are still collecting cell phones and will be continuing

their involvement in the "Relay for Life" program. This past Holiday Season they "Gift Adopted" a local under-privileged girl, and donated money and new gifts to make her Christmas brighter.

Currently they are saving the proceeds from the sale of their Girl Scout cookies for a trip to Savanna, Georgia to see where Juliette Gordon Low, the Girl Scout founder, was born.

Amber Auth, Nicole Bruno, Melissa Fonczak, Emily Stanton, Rebecca Rose, Kimberly Carbonari, Rebecca Morse, along with troop leader Mimi Rose and assistant troop leader Nora Auth, deserve to be commended for their service and dedication. I am proud to have them as my constituents and am honored to be their representation in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY ORTIZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Kathy Ortiz of Pueblo, Colorado for the selfless act of courage she displayed on November 8, 2002. Kathy's quick actions, along with the efforts of other students from Centennial High School, helped Edith Lichtenberg to safety after flames engulfed her home.

On November 8, 2002, billowing smoke one block from Centennial High School prompted a group of students—Prince Speights, Clint Albrecht, Nick Pino, Kathy Ortiz, Linus Trujillo, and Taylor Proctor—into action. Driving toward the smoke, the group quickly discovered the bushes and trees in 86-year-old Edith Lichtenberg's yard ablaze and used a cell phone to contact emergency dispatchers. The flames rapidly spread to the house and the group moved swiftly to make sure no one was in the home. With the fire engulfing the front of the house, the students jumped the locked fence around the backyard to warn anyone who might still be inside. Noticing the back door open and seeing Ms. Lichtenberg still inside, they caught her attention and guided her outside away from the flames. Kathy courageously assisted in getting Ms. Lichtenberg out of the house, and the group moved her to safety.

The youths maintained their composure during a time of adversity and conducted themselves in a fashion that has brought honor to themselves, their families, their school, and the entire community of Pueblo. It is always heartening to see young Americans meet such an extraordinary circumstance successfully. Courage like theirs strengthens and protects our communities everyday.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today and recognize the heroic efforts of Kathy Ortiz before this body of Congress and this nation. Kathy's quick actions, coupled with those of her fellow students, prevented a terrible fire from ending in great tragedy. Their selfless actions are an inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

IN SUPPORT OF MR. ESTRADA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Ms. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of a fellow member of the Hispanic community and nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Miguel Estrada.

Mr. Estrada personifies the success and achievement of our beloved community. His legal expertise will add a profound dimension to the court that is considered to be precursor to the Supreme Court. As an attorney, he has argued 15 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, and has tried 10 cases as a prosecutor for the Southern District of New York.

A native of Honduras, Miguel Estrada is an American success story. During his first years in the U.S., Mr. Estrada spoke virtually no English. His commitment to education and improvement of the individual is demonstrated by the excellence of his academic record. As a graduate of Columbia College, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, and Harvard Law, Miguel Estrada's legal experience exceeds that of the average nominee.

If confirmed, Miguel Estrada would be the first Hispanic judge to serve on the court. President Bush served the Hispanic community well by nominating a man of such character and devotion to the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, Miguel Estrada has my full support and best wishes on his nomination.

ELIMINATION OF CAP ON MEDICAID PAYMENTS TO THE U.S. TERRITORIES AND COMMONWEALTHS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to re-introduce legislation which continues to be the highest health care priority for the more than 4 million residents of our country's off-shore areas—the elimination of the cap on Medicaid payments to the U.S. Territories and Commonwealths.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, it saddens me as a physician, to report to you once again that our fellow indigent Americans living in American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands who qualify for Medicaid, receive less than adequate health care because the amount of federal Medicaid dollars we receive falls far short of meeting their needs. Because we face depressed economies with high unemployment rates, as well as, a growing indigent population, the ever-increasing cost of health care coupled with the federal cap means that our local governments have to bear a significantly greater cost of the Medicaid program than their counterparts in the states. This means, that for the bare bones Medicaid program in the Virgin Islands, the federal government contributed only \$5.59 million of the \$14,394 in fiscal year 2000 total cost of the program. In Guam, the local government spent three times more than the \$5.4 million they received from the federal govern-

ment to run their Medicaid program also in fiscal year 2000.

Mr. Speaker, this is my fourth term as a member of the House of Representatives. Every year I have been here, fighting to eliminate the cap on Medicaid for the insular areas has never been far from my focus.

Since becoming Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, I have garnered the support of my fellow Caucus members in calling attention to this problem and have made lifting the Medicaid cap for the off-shore areas a central item in the CBC's over-all health care agenda. I thank my colleagues for the support they have given me on this issue.

In 1997, we were successful with the help of the previous administration to secure important increases in our cap for which we were grateful but that was almost five years ago and the problems have gotten worse not better.

It is time that our country ends this inequity and, in this one area—health care—treat all Americans alike, whether they live in a state or not. We must end the practice of residents of the territories and commonwealths having to leave their homes to seek more and better health care services on the mainland, often splitting-up families all because our Medicaid program is under-funded and our local governments can't afford to pay the difference.

Mr. Speaker President Bush recently announced a proposal to modify and improve the way Medicaid works in the states. My colleagues from the off-shore areas and I look forward to working with the President, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson as well as every member of this body to impress upon all of you the urgent need to end this unequal treatment of health care funding for the American citizens living in the territories and Commonwealths.

I urge my colleagues to join my cosponsors and I in supporting this bill. All Americans deserve the same health care program that their government provides, regardless of where in the country they happen to live.

TRIBUTE TO CLINT ALBRECHT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Clint Albrecht of Pueblo, Colorado for the selfless act of courage he displayed on November 8, 2002. Clint's quick actions, along with the efforts of other students from Centennial High School, helped Edith Lichtenberg to safety after flames engulfed her home.

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of the house, the students jumped the locked fence around the backyard to warn anyone who might still be inside. Noticing the back door open and seeing Ms. Lichtenberg still inside, they caught her attention and guided her outside away from the flames. Clint courageously assisted in getting Ms. Lichtenberg out of the house, and the group moved her to safety.

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Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today and recognize the heroic efforts of Clint Albrecht before this body of Congress and this nation. Clint's quick actions, coupled with those of his fellow students, prevented a terrible fire from ending in great tragedy. Their selfless actions are an inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 26, honoring the contributions of Catholic schools to the academic and moral education of children on Guam and throughout our nation. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. VITTER for continuing the important role played by Catholic Schools here in the 108th congress.

The tradition of Roman Catholicism on Guam dates back to the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in 1521. The island eventually became an important stop along the Spanish Galleon Trade Route.

In 1668, Padre Diego Luis de San Vitores and his missionaries brought Christianity to the people of Guam. They established a mission in village of Hagatna which later became the site of the first Catholic Church and is now the seat of the Archdiocese of Guam.

From these seeds, the Catholic faith on Guam has flourished and with it, faith-based institutions such as the Catholic School system have likewise thrived. Today, in one of the clearest manifestations of this tradition, nearly a quarter of Guamanian school children attend Catholic schools throughout the Island.

In the modern era, Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner established the foundations of Guam's Catholic Schools. Guam's first Chamorro Bishop, Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores, made Catholic education a priority and instilled a tremendous pride in the academic and moral education provided by the Catholic schools. His successor, Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron has continued the tradition of excellence that has been the standard of the Catholic Schools in Guam.

The contribution of the Catholic school system to the people of Guam is reflected in our

local leaders in the clergy, government and private-sector who are alumni of the Catholic schools. I am confident the influence of the Catholic schools will produce Guam's leaders of tomorrow.

I would now like to recognize and commend the Catholic schools on Guam for their commitment to instilling the principles of academic knowledge and sound moral values in the daily lives of our children. Those offering a secondary curriculum include: the Notre Dame High School in Talofofo, Father Duenas Memorial School in Tai, and Academy of Our Lady of Guam in Hagatna. Additionally, those offering an elementary and middle school education include: Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School in Sinajana, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Agat, St. Anthony School in Tamuning, Saint Francis School in Yona, San Vicente School in Barrigada, and Santa Barbara School in Dededo. Finally, those offering a nursery school education include: the Dominican Child Care Development Center in Sinajana, Infant of Prague in Tai, Maria Artero in Hagatna, and Mercy Heights in Tamuning.

I would also like to recognize the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters of Mercy, Dominican Sisters, the religious orders of Capuchins, Franciscans, Jesuits and Marists for their service in educating the children of Guam. I would also like to commend the Archdiocese of Hagatna under the leadership of Archbishop Apuron for its guidance in administering the Catholic Schools on Guam.

Finally, I want commend all the students, parents, teachers and administrators of Catholic schools in Guam and across the nation for their contributions to our nation and our world.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE)

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commendable work of the Students in Free Enterprise or SIFE. This international nonprofit organization, headquartered in Springfield, Missouri, was highlighted in a Wall Street Journal article on January 14, 2003, by Carol Hymowitz titled, "Independent Program Puts College Students On Leadership Paths."

SIFE has been championing our free market system and changing the outlook of promising young business professionals and entrepreneurs for nearly a quarter century. Missouri's 7th Congressional District is not only the home of Drury University, 2001 National SIFE Champion, but eight other preeminent SIFE chapters.

As a former university president and teacher, I have seen firsthand the practical work experience and self confidence collegians gain from SIFE's leadership training and business competitions. These regional, national and international peer contests simulate the competitive nature of today's business environment while creating a risk-free learning atmosphere for the students.

SIFE teaches college students that they have the potential to change the world. In to-

day's global economy, it is no wonder more than 500 schools overseas have joined the 797 SIFE chapters nationwide. As the Journal article detailed, SIFE allows students to put their untested business skills through rigorous opportunities like teaching school children about business concepts and going overseas to teach remote villages about the prosperity of free enterprise.

In keeping with the goal of acclimating students to the real business world, the SIFE chapter at my own alma mater, Southwest Baptist University, has held events such as resume workshops, financial planning seminars and mentoring programs. More than two decades ago, "March Mania" was created to teach public school children about free enterprise. SIFE team members teach the students lessons about supply and demand, international trade and consumer behavior. These experiences, coupled with the business competitions and training opportunities, not only teach young adults necessary business principles, but also demonstrate the importance of mentoring the next generation of business professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud of the investment SIFE continues to make in young people, and I'm proud they join me in calling Missouri's 7th Congressional District home.

TRIBUTE TO DAR EMME

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of respect that I honor Mrs. Dar Emme. Through her efforts of suicide prevention, Mrs. Emme has helped countless Colorado youth.

In 1994, after Dar and her husband Dale's lives were personally touched by suicide, they created the Yellow Ribbon Program. Since then, they have firmly committed themselves to stopping others from taking their own lives. Dar currently volunteers more than fifty hours a week with the program, traveling all over the country and speaking to students about suicide prevention. She encourages students to start their own chapters of the Yellow Ribbon Program, which will take calls and emails from students and parents regarding suicide. Dar believes that enabling students to run their own programs facilitates leadership, and will make the programs stronger.

The Yellow Ribbon Program currently employs six people. They send kits worldwide and answer emails and letters from parents and youth regarding suicide prevention. This program has been of great importance in the lives of many people; since its inception, the program has received more than 2,500 letters from children saying that the program saved their life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with privilege that I recognize Dar Emme before this body Congress and this nation today. Mrs. Emme's efforts to help those at risk for suicide have been immeasurably beneficial in the lives of many.

INTRODUCTION OF CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH NA-
TIONAL INVENTOR'S DAY

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a measure to establish National Inventor's Day as February 11th.

Invention has been a part of our country since it was founded. In fact, today is the birthday of Thomas Edison, who was a great inventor and held over 2,000 patents. He is probably best known for having invented the light bulb, the motion picture camera, and the phonograph. He also discovered incandescent light and invented the electric miner's lamp.

Edison's inventive genius is reflected in many of our other great inventors. Other American inventions include everyday items such as scotch tape, the cell phone, and the sewing machine to technological marvels like the first microprocessor.

I would like to celebrate the inventors of our great country with this resolution.

LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR
FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF NA-
TIVE HAWAIIANS

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to cosponsor legislation introduced by my friend and colleague from Hawaii, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, which affirms the longstanding, political relationship between the indigenous people of my state and our federal government and extends the time-honored federal policy of self-determination for indigenous peoples under U.S. jurisdiction to Native Hawaiians. The bill provides for federal recognition of Native Hawaiians, establishes an Office for Native Hawaiian Relations in the Department of Interior, and creates a federal interagency group to better coordinate policies and programs that address Native Hawaiians.

Most Americans are very familiar with the indigenous peoples of the continental United States and the State of Alaska—American Indians and Alaska Natives. But, because of Hawaii's geographical distance from the U.S. mainland and our unique history with the United States, most overlook the fact that an equally indigenous people of our great country—Native Hawaiians—originated and retains their base in today's Hawaii.

U.S. interests in the Hawaiian Islands and contact with Native Hawaiians date back to the late 1700s. Throughout that period, the federal government has maintained a unique relationship with Native Hawaiians—a relationship that was reaffirmed when Hawaii became a territory in 1900 and a state in 1959, and has continued through today.

Over those years, more than 160 federal statutes have enacted programs to address the conditions of Native Hawaiians in areas such as Hawaiian homelands, health, education, and economic development. And in Hawaii, efforts by the state and quasi-autono-

mous entities such as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and private entities like the Kamehameha Schools have all been devoted to the same ends.

In more recent years, the Congress and Executive Branch have undertaken further efforts to improve the conditions and clarify the political status of Native Hawaiians. Most notably, the enactment in 1993 of the Apology Resolution (P.L. 103–150), which received bi-partisan support in the House and Senate and was signed by President Bill Clinton, expressed a national commitment to reconciliation efforts between Native Hawaiians and the federal government.

In 2000, the Departments of Interior and Justice issued a reconciliation report which was a culmination of efforts undertaken by the departments in their consultations with Native Hawaiians on a broad range of issues. In complementary efforts, Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush also addressed the needs of Native Hawaiians in the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, established by executive orders to increase federal opportunities for and improve the quality of life in these communities.

Federal recognition legislation was a top priority recommendation of these efforts. Its intent was and remains to confirm that a federal policy of self-determination toward Native Hawaiians is appropriate and should be further memorialized.

As a result, federal recognition is Hawaii's single highest priority in our federal efforts. Not only is it the natural next step in a long process of reconciliation for Native Hawaiians, but it is indispensable and necessary to the continuation of Hawaii as we know it.

That Hawaii cannot exist without the survival and prosperity of our indigenous people and culture. Federal recognition is the only practical way to assure the long term viability of the current and future programs and entities which provide for that culture's survival. In both ways, then, we all have a huge stake in federal recognition.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

TRIBUTE TO ANITA ARRIETA-
ALEJANDRE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of pride that I honor Mrs. Anita Arrieta-Alejandre for helping the Spanish speaking community of Denver, Colorado. She has dedicated herself to preserving and enriching the lives of the people in her community every day.

Anita is a Colorado native who grew up on a farm in Southern Colorado where she worked in the fields with her family. She was determined to graduate from high school with Honors, and she did—through all four years. After graduating from high school, Anita joined the Navy. Now, she is a mother of eight and a grandmother of twelve. Her Mexican heritage is a great source of pride for her. For that reason, Anita has dedicated her life to serving her community, and sharing its rich cultural traditions with others.

Mrs. Arrieta-Alejandre is dedicated to helping the Spanish-speaking population of Denver

assimilate while preserving their important cultural heritage. She believes that it is important for people to assimilate into society, but without losing their cultural identity. By working with individual families she is able to help them in applying for jobs, obtaining drivers licenses, enrolling their children in school, and countless other tasks that are simply impossible without an understanding of English. Over the past twenty years, she has volunteered and worked with more than twenty different organizations that serve the Hispanic community of Colorado. Anita currently owns a Mexican western store, promotes her husband's mariachi band, and directs children's theater for her nonprofit organization Teatro Latino de Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great privilege that I recognize Anita Arrieta-Alejandre before this body Congress and this nation today. Her strong and compassionate actions have helped her community and given people an opportunity to create a life for themselves.

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY CANNEDY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of pride that I honor Mrs. Kimberly Cannedy of Denver, Colorado for her work with the youth of my state. She has devoted countless hours to helping children of Western Colorado, and has committed her life to making a difference.

Mrs. Kimberly Cannedy was born in Denver, Colorado, where over twenty years ago she gave up her high-powered position with Rolls Royce Motors. With this, Kimberly began what she considers the most important work of all: being a mother. Her work does not stop with her own family, but rather it extends into her community. She has opened her doors to numerous foster children over the past ten years. Kimberly, along with her husband of twenty-one years, recently adopted four young girls, and are currently in the process of adopting another. Her growing family includes three children of her own, all between the ages of 15 and 19. In addition to being a foster care provider, Kimberly has assisted many young mothers by teaching classes on parenting and opening her home to those in need of any additional help.

Kimberly believes that if her work reaches and improves the life of one mother or one child, then it is enough. However, her compassionate work has reached many mothers and children alike, and her personal philosophy of helping people through difficult times has reached into and improved the lives of innumerable people whom she has encouraged and helped throughout the years.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great privilege that I recognize Mrs. Kimberly Cannedy before this body of Congress and this nation today. Through her caring actions she demonstrates to us all what it means to be a caring and supportive individual.

TRIBUTE TO MAREE CHAVEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of honor that I rise to pay tribute to Maree Chavez. Maree has donated countless hours to helping women with cancer in Colorado.

As a child growing up in Colorado, Maree felt like she needed to give back. As she began her career as a hair stylist, Maree organized fundraisers and spent many hours in Craig Hospital cutting the hair of patients who were unable to move. When Maree met a young child who had bone cancer, she was inspired to volunteer for the American Cancer Society. Maree, along with friends and staff, raised more than \$6,000 for the child and her family.

Maree now works with the "Look Good, Feel Better" program, helping women to style their hair, do their make up, and give them a feeling of belonging. She says that by doing this for these women it gives them their "sparkle" back. Although she has been organizing

them for many years, Maree's fundraising efforts have not stopped, they have gotten stronger. This last summer she raised \$3,000 when she ran in the Marine Corps Marathon. All of Maree's hard work to help others comes from her strong and kind spirit, which will continue to help the people of her community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with privilege that I recognize Maree Chavez before this body of Congress and this nation today. Her efforts to help the women of her community have restored their self-image and provided something much more important, their self-esteem.

TRIBUTE TO OLLIE MARIE PHASON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of pride that I honor Ms. Ollie Marie Phason. Ms. Phason's strength in the face of adversity is a true inspiration. Ollie's life was changed forever in 1993 when her six-year-old son, Broderick, was wounded by a 9mm bul-

let, from gang crossfire. Broderick made a miraculous recovery in three months. Her ability to overcome her shock and sorrow, and in response, make a difference in the lives of others, is truly commendable.

Ollie's response to this tragedy was admirable, as she became highly involved in the Denver Safe City Program. This program was designed to keep children off the streets and involve them in extracurricular activities, which contribute to the well-being of these juveniles. Ollie's active involvement and energy in this issue created new policies to protect and enrich the lives of the children of Denver. As a single mother, her efforts and success in creating positive change within the community are to be greatly commended. In addition to her involvement with the Denver Safe City Program, Ollie currently owns a small pedicure and foot massage business, Marie for Feet, to supplement her income.

Mr. Speaker, it is with privilege that I recognize Ollie Marie Phason before this body of Congress and this nation today. Her four children are fortunate to have such a loving, caring, and dedicated mother. Ms. Phason's efforts to help juveniles succeed in life have been immeasurably beneficial in the lives of many.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 14

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposal to create a terrorist threat integration center, including consolidating intelligence analysis.

SD-342

FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH-219.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine world food aid.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine terrorism, focusing on state and local response.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on gas supply and prices.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 26

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

FEBRUARY 27

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of State.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on energy production on federal lands.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the Workforce Investment Act.

SD-340

MARCH 4

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on financial conditions of the electricity market.

SD-366

MARCH 6

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on

energy use in the transportation sector.

SD-366

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 11

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on federal programs for energy efficiency and conservation.

SD-366

MARCH 12

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 13

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, the Fleet Reserve Association, and the Air Force Sergeants Association.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 20

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs.

345 Cannon Building